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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

There was a good to active demand for all boxed and barreled offerings of American apples on the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, March 7, according to a cable received in the Foreign Section of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. The demand for American apples in British markets is being stimulated by the continued clear and temperate weather. Supplies of both boxed and barreled varieties are light and the market outlook is favorable, states Mr. Smith. Prices on the London market during the week were from 25 cents to 50 cents per box and per barrel lower than those prevailing in Liverpool.

Virginia Albemarle Pippins were in especially active demand, prices ranging from a low point of \$9.12 to \$10.34 for Unclassified fruit in fair condition to \$11.44 to \$11.92 for U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch stock in good condition. Quotations on Unclassified Pippins last week ranged from \$6.57 to \$9.25, while U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch stock brought \$11.19 per barrel. Virginia York Imperials were also in active demand, U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch stock ranging from \$9.25 to \$9.37 per barrel, the same as last week. Quotations on Virginia Ben Davis were maintained at the preceding week's level, U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch stock selling quickly at from \$5.84 to \$6.03 per barrel.

Oregon Yellow Newtowns were actively competed for, Extra Fancy grades, sizes 150/163/175 selling at from \$3.89 to \$4.44 per box as against \$3.94 to \$4.14 last week. There was also a good demand for Washington Winesaps, Extra Fancy grades, sizes 150/163/175 ranging from \$3.53 to \$3.77 as against \$3.04 to \$3.10 last week.

Florida grapefruit ranged from \$6.81 to \$7.30 per box, the same as last week. Jamaican fruit brought from \$6.08 to \$6.33 compared with \$5.84 to \$6.33 last week. Spanish and Jaffa oranges sold at considerably higher prices this week, Spanish fruit ranging from \$3.89 to \$4.62 per half-case of 110 pounds for 300's as against \$2.92 to \$3.41 last week, and Jaffa fruit ranging from \$3.89 to \$4.38 per case of 80 pounds as against \$3.28 to \$3.53 per case last week.

Prices of American Apples on the Liverpool Auction,
February 29 and March 7, 1928

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price	
		Feb. 29, 1928	March 7, 1928
		Per bbl	Per bbl
York Imperials:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	Virginia	\$ 9.25 - 9.37	\$ 9.25 - 9.37
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	"	a/	9.25 - 9.73
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch (badly scalded):	"	3.65 - 4.38	4.87 - 6.08
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch (good condition):	"	5.84 - 6.69	a/
Ben Davis:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	5.84 - 6.08	5.84 - 6.08
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	5.47	a/
Albemarle Pippins:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	"	9.73 - 10.95	9.49 - 9.73
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch	"	11.19	11.44 - 11.92
Unclassified (fair condition)	"	6.57 - 9.25	9.12 - 10.34
Baldwins:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch	New York	6.20 - 7.30	a/
Unclassified	"	5.60 - 6.08 _{b/}	6.57
Ben Davis	Ontario	5.60 - 5.72	6.81 - 6.93
Starks	"	6.08 - 6.45	7.06 - 7.30
		Per box	Per box
Winesaps:			
Extra Fancy, 150/163/175	Washington:	3.04 - 3.10	3.53 - 3.77
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.43 - 2.86	3.16 - 3.41
Fancy, 150/163/175	"	2.80 - 2.92	3.28 - 3.53
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.40 - 2.80	3.04 - 3.16
Yellow Newtowns:			
Extra Fancy, 150/163/175	Oregon	3.94 - 4.14	3.89 - 4.44
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.16 - 3.65	3.47 - 3.83
Fancy, 150/163/175	"	3.41 - 3.71	3.53 - 4.14
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.28 - 3.53	3.41 - 3.65

a/ None quoted in cable. b/ Fair condition.

